



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 2, FY 2011-2012

Applicant	Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District	County	Lassen & Sierra
Project Title	Lahontan Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Grant Request	\$427,614.00
		Total Project Cost	\$575,214.00

Project Description The objective of the Lahontan Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is to expand and enhance the collaborative network of water management agencies to effectively manage all aspects of water use and conservation within the defined region, and where appropriate, across regions. The IRWM will build upon the on-going watershed scale management planning efforts such as the Pine Creek/Eagle Lake CRMP and the Susan River Watershed Group. Also included are programs such as Lassen and Sierra County's groundwater management plans; the City of Susanville's flood management, wastewater management, and recreational enhancement projects; irrigation water management by the Honey Lake Valley RCD and Lassen Irrigation District; as well as municipal water use by outlying Community Service Districts and the Susanville Indian Rancheria.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	5
Budget	8
Program Preferences	5
Tie Breaker	0
Total Score	37

- **Work Plan** The criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation is insufficient. Table 5 demonstrates how the Region's proposed IRWM Plan will meet current plan standards, and lists the proposed tasks that will address each standard. All standards are directly addressed except Relation to Local Water Planning and Relation to Local Land Use Planning. Sections 3 and 5 of the proposed Plan imply that the above two standards will be addressed, but the Work Plan tasks do not support the implication.
- **DAC Involvement** Criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation. The Applicant describes how the Plan will facilitate DAC involvement. For example, the Applicant devotes several specific tasks to include DAC involvement, including outreach (1.3) and addressing issues relating to DAC water quality, supply and flood issues (3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3). In addition, a DAC (Susanville Indian Rancheria) is a member of the RWMG—the main decision-making body of the IRWMP.
- **Schedule** The criterion is fully addressed and supported by thorough and well-presented documentation. The schedule is reasonable and consistent with the Work Plan and Budget.
- **Budget** The criterion is fully addressed but is not supported by thorough documentation or sufficient rationale. The Budget is not consistent with the Work Plan for tasks 1.2 and 1.3, where the Work Plan states that consultant staff will participate in the tasks, but Budget does not account for this. The staff hours allocated for these two tasks is different than is stated in the Work Plan. Additionally, there are math errors in the same tasks. Task 1.2 (pg. 4) the "Total Labor Cost" column grant request is \$15,360, but when the hours are multiplied by the rates for the task, the sum is \$18,560. The same is true for the



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match in Task 1.3 (pg. 5) "Total Labor Cost"; the table shows \$28,800 when it should be \$21,600. These errors result in a funding match that is slightly less than 25%.

- **Program Preference** The proposal sufficiently demonstrates that 12 of 15 preferences will be met.
- **Tie Breaker** Not Applicable.